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Chronicles of
The
Moss Family



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Being a series of historical events and narratives
in which the members of this family
have played an important
part.

Dedication

Inscribed to the memory of the members of this
family who were pioneers in Virginia,
North Carolina, Kentucky
and Illinois.



Moss

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FIG. 1. (See text.)

PREFACE

As the author of these chronicles, I have tried to make this little book authentic and interesting. To weld a chain of events, from the year 1644 to the present time. When one is able to look back through a vista, not only of years but of centuries, and realize that as a family and as individuals, momentous deeds have been accomplished and names of this family inscribed in high places, it gives a thrill that words cannot express.

My information obtained from research work in Virginia, at the old Fairfax County Court House, when Loudoun County was a part of Fairfax, from old deeds and wills; at the Library of Congress; the Genealogical Library in Memorial Continental Hall, Washington, D. C., and Newberry Library of Chicago, Ill.; also contributions from descendants of the William Henry Harrison Moss family and Henry Moss family in Illinois. While it brings pleasure to pluck the flowers on the surface, it has been a pleasure to me to search in the soil to discover the roots of this family, not only in this country, but the country from whence they came.

To do this work has been a pleasure and I gladly pass it on as a memorial to the younger generations, from one who was proud of the family name she bore, and loved to study the achievements of those who have blazed the trail.

Affectionately yours,

ROSE MOSS SCOTT.

Willrose Farm,
Chrisman, Ill., July 1926.

EDWARD MOSS

The progenitor of this line of the Moss family in America was Edward Moss, who settled in York County, Virginia, and died there in 1646. He came from Lancaster County, England. His wife was Ann Belt and there is a record of four sons: Robert, Thomas, Edward and William. The sons were educated in England. In 1653 or 1654, Robert, Thomas and William moved to Rappahonnock County, Virginia.

In Volume 6, Virginia County Records, Robert, Thomas and William Moss came to Rappahonnock County about 1653 or 1654. In 1660 they owned eight hundred acres of land. Information on page 122.

William Moss, son of Edward Moss, was born in England and died in Rappahonnock County, Virginia, July 5th, 1685. He married Lady Jane North in England, and she died in Virginia in 1676. The will of William Moss, on page 63, Volume 7, Virginia County Records. The will was made in April, 1685, and William Moss died in July, 1685. His son William was Executor of the will. He had two daughters, Elizabeth and Francis. The will was signed by his brother, Robert Moss, Elias Wilson and Thomas New.

William Henry Moss was the son of William Moss and his wife, Lady Jane North. He was born in 1668 in Rappahonnock County, Virginia, and died there in 1722. His wife was Margaret Hopkins, daughter of Robert Hopkins, who died in 1677. His will was signed by William Moss. Margaret Hopkins was born in 1670 and died in 1698 in Rappahonnock County, Virginia.

William Moss, son of William Henry Moss and his wife, Margaret Hopkins, was born in 1698 in Rappahonnock County, and died in Loudoun County, Virginia, in 1773. He married Jane Craik, who was born in Rappahonnock County, in 1700, and died in Loudoun County in 1777. They were the parents of several children; those known were: Nathaniel, William, Henry, John and Lucy.

Dr. Craik, brother of Jane Craik Moss, was a prominent physician.

HENRY MOSS.

Henry Moss was born in Virginia and served in the Revolutionary War. He had three sons and three daughters. Probably more children, but we know of James, Howell, William Wilkinson, Nancy, Sally (White), Henry and Winnie (Nolan). William Wilkinson Moss lived with Nancy after his father died. Nancy married William M. Willman.

James, son of Henry Moss, married twice. The children of his first wife were: Benjiman, Jamie and Patsy. Name of second wife was probably Nellie. They were the parents of the following children: Elizabeth, Polly, Tillman, Arch, William, Nancy, Cary and Winnie.

Howell, son of Henry Moss, descendants unknown.

William Wilkinson, son of Henry Moss, was born August 8th, 1787, in Virginia or North Carolina. Died near Woburn, Illinois, March 15th, 1861. Married Drusilla Scoggin in North Carolina in 1828 and were the parents of seven children: Lemuel Scoggin Moss, born in North Carolina, 1829; married Sarah Kerr. They lived near Woburn, Ill., and later moved to Medical Lake, Washington. They were the parents of the following children: America, daughter of Lemuel Scoggin Moss, born in Illinois, died in Medical Lake, Washington. She married Richard White in Woburn, Illinois, and they were the parents of three children: Annie, Elsie and Frank.

Josephine, daughter of Lemuel Scoggin Moss, born in Woburn, Ill.; married S. A. Long and had two children: Alberta, married James Bicknell, and lives in Clare, Michigan, and have three children.

Nella is unmarried and a noted violinist.

Clara, daughter of Lemuel Scoggin Moss, was born in Woburn, Ill., and married Eugene Enloe and has seven children: Ethel, Maud, Lula, Myrtle, Edith, Raymond and Keith. Maud married a Mr. Bowman and had three children: Eugene, Pauline and Phyllis.

Lulu married a Mr. Drew and had two children: Sarah and Clara.

Myrtle married Dr. Allen, of Medical, Washington, and has one child, Peggy. Edith married and had three children, names not known. Raymond married Helen . . . and Keith unmarried.

Dora, daughter of Lemuel Scoggin Moss, married Victor DeCheene in Woburn, Illinois, and moved to Washington. Now lives in Alberta, Canada. Has several children.

Edward, born in Woburn, Illinois, is dead. James, born in Woburn, Illinois, married a Miss Johnson. Moved to Washington. Has one child.

James Howell, son of William Wilkinson and Drusilla Scoggin Moss, was born February 11, 1833, near Edwardsville, Illinois. Died June 17, 1906. He married Elizabeth Catherine Jay, August 31, 1856. Several children, all born in Illinois. Lilly May, born April 24, 1858; died May 24, 1860. William Wilkinson, born Jan. 8, 1860; died Aug. 8, 1882. Rosa Esther, born Sept. 29, 1862, married March 4, 1885, Henry Enloe. One child. One died in infancy. Rosa died Jan. 31, 1885. Amy Luella, born Feb. 19, 1865; died July 31, 1886. Married F. B. Grigg. One child, Elva, born. She married Ernest Saunders and three children were born to this union: Dorothy, Dale and Dean.

Della, born Feb. 8, 1872, married John S. Bradford, June 17, 1891. Two children: Edgar James, born May 13, 1896, married Leigh Barnes, of Sacramento, Cal. John Moss, born July 25, 1905. Della Moss Bradford is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Ada Grace, born Dec. 6, 1874; died March 9, 1881.

Lena Ethel, born June 10, 1879; married C. E. Hoiles, of Greenville, Oct. 20, 1897. Has three children: Dorothy, born March 24, 1904; died October 23, 1908. James Moss, born Jan. 6, 1911, and Clarence Eugene, Jr., born Nov. 13, 1912. Walter Howell, born March 12, 1882, died April 17, 1918. Married Bess Durr in 1904. One child, Howell Durr, born March 27, 1905.

Martin, son of James Howell and Drusilla Scoggin Moss, married Adeline Diamond. One child survives, Estelle, married Thomas Vaughn. Several children.

Henry had two children.

Andres lives near Iola, Illinois; married Elizabeth Thompson. Two boys born, William and Doug. Doug is married and has three children. A. W. has two daughters by second wife.

Edward, married a Whitworth, and has two children.

Mary Ann, born August 17, 1850; died March 1, 1894. Married Wm Davidson, who died Oct. 13, 1897, at Sorento, Ill. Several children survive. She was the daughter of William Wilkinson Moss. The children are: Chas. E., born Oct. 23, 1868; married Martha McNeill, June 3, 1896. The children are: Genevieve, born Nov. 5, 1901; Emmet, born July 28, 1904, and Francis Allen, born Sept. 28, 1910.

Judson, born Nov. 4, 1877; married Jessie Vie.

Sidney, of Atlanta, Georgia; born April 21, 1875; married Nell Converse. They have one son, Henry

Percival, born Feb. 18, 1880; married.

Daisy, born 1882; married George Green and has three children: George, Wilbur and Mary.

Bertha, born Feb 2, 1884; married C. Clavbaugh.

Frank, born Feb. 22, 1886; married Tillie Smith.

Joseph, born March 21, 1888.

Donald, born Jan 26, 1891; married Marion ———, and has two children.

Mary, born Feb. 25, 1894; married O. W. Leidel, of U. S. Navy. Has three children: O. W., Jr., John S. and Hugh Davidson.

WILLIAM MOSS

William Moss, son of William Moss and Jane Craik, was the father of John Moss, who was a commissioner of the King's revenue, of Fairfax County, and from 1785 to 1796 he was High Sheriff of Fairfax County, as the oldest justice in commission.

William Moss was son of John Moss and his wife, Ann Minor, daughter of Col. John Minor, of Fairfax County. William Moss was Lieutenant of the 106th Regiment of Virginia Militia at the time of General Washington's funeral, when he and others were detailed for service. Being a young man of delicate physique, he broke down under the strain in removing the bier from the mansion to the tomb. Gen. Washington was buried December 18th, 1799.

William Moss was relieved by George Coryell, a member of the Masonic Lodge and a citizen of Alexandria. William Moss married Gertrude Holmes, daughter of Col. Joseph Holmes. William Moss was a soldier in the War of 1812.

REV. NATHANIEL MOSS

Rev. Nathaniel Moss, son of William Moss and Jane Craik, was born in Loudoun County, Virginia, in 1730 and died there in 1807. He was a prominent Primitive Baptist Minister. A record was left of his work. He married Nancy Cockrell, of Loudoun County, born 1732 and died in 1807. They were the parents of the following children: John, a soldier in the revolution, married Celia ————. Zeally Moss, born 1755, married Elizabeth Berry for first wife and Janette Glasscock for second wife. Zeally Moss was in the Revolution. Zeally's daughter built the Bradley Polytechnic at Peoria, Ill. Moses married for his second wife Lucretia Williams; William married first Lidia Glasscock; second wife, Sophia Talbott. Elijah married Mary Smith; Stephen married Mary Smith (Elijah's widow).

Rev. Sampson Cockrell, brother of Nancy Cockrell Moss, was one of the first Baptist ministers.

MOSES MOSS.

Moses Moss, son of Rev. Nathaniel Moss and his wife, Nancy Cockrell, was born in Loudoun County, Virginia, in 1758, and died in Fleming County, Kentucky, in 1838. He married Lucretia Williams, born 1788 or 1789, in Vermont; she died in Fleming County, Kentucky, 1868. She was the daughter of John Williams and Abigail Phelps, of Wethersfield, Vermont.

They were the parents of two children: William Henry Harrison Moss and Margaret Moss Rice, wife of Thomas Rice. Moses Moss had three children by a former marriage; they were: Vincent, Quiller and Molly. Quiller lived in Indianapolis, Ind.; did not have any children. Vincent lived in Indiana also, and Congressman Moss, who represented his district in Indiana for several years and was nationally known, from his participation along lines of national importance, was a descendant of Vincent Moss. He died at his home near Brazil, Indiana, about five years ago. Molly married in Virginia.

Moses Moss was a private in the war of the Revolution. In the spring of 1780 he served one year under Thomas Mastin and Col. Shelby. Enlisted at Haymarket, Virginia, in the spring of 1781, with his uncle, Simon Cockrell, and served six months under Capt. William Henry and Gen. LaFayette. Residence at time of enlistment Nolachucky, Virginia.

Some years after the Revolution, the Indians were troublesome and the white people had many conflicts with them; during one of these Moses Moss was captured with others and held a prisoner for almost three years. He had been taken north near the mouth of the St. Lawrence River and detained there. It was the custom in those days to exchange flour and other food to the Indians for furs. A ship stopped for this purpose and the men on the boat saw this white man, Moses Moss, and that night returned and rescued him. He was taken with them to their home at Wethersfield, Vermont. Soon after he began the long journey to his own home.

When he arrived after an absence of three years, he was informed that his wife, thinking he was dead, had married her brother-in-law, and was the mother of a son by the second marriage. Moses returned to Vermont to the home of John Williams,

who had assisted in his rescue, and later married his daughter Lucretia. Some time later Moses Moss moved to Kentucky, where he purchased a farm near Sherburne, Fleming County, where he spent the remaining years of his life. In 1835 he was granted a pension.

This information from Eliza Keys, aunt of the writer. Moses Moss was her grandfather. Other members of the family have told of this capture and rescue of Moses Moss.

He was Tennyson's Enoch Arden, in our family.

WILLIAMS LINE

Lucretia Williams, wife of Moses Moss, was the daughter of John Williams, born February 7, 1747; died April 7, 1813; married Abigail Phelps, born 1748; died 1815, in Vermont; married at Marlboro in 1776. John Williams was the son of Capt. Joseph Williams, born April 23, 1723; died Jan. 19, 1776. His wife was Eunice Wheeler, born July 3, 1727; died Oct. 18, 1804. Capt. Joseph Williams was the son of Capt. John Williams, born 1680; died Jan. 11, 1641. His wife, Mary Knowlton, born March 29, 1681; died March 9, 1749.

Capt. John Williams was the son of Joseph Williams, born 1647, died 1720, in Connecticut; married Mary Fuller, born 1644, died 1720, in Connecticut; Joseph Williams, son of John Williams, born in England in 1600; died in Haverhill, Mass., in 1674, and his wife, Jane, born in England, died in Haverhill, Mass., 1680. Mary Fuller was the daughter of Samuel Fuller, of the Mayflower.

John Williams and his father, Capt. Joseph Williams, were in the Revolution. John Williams served in the Company of his brother-in-law, Jonathan Brewster, and rose to the rank of Captain. John Williams, father of Lucretia, had seventeen children.

WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON MOSS

William Henry Harrison Moss, son of Moses Moss and wife, Lucretia Williams. Born in 1814, near Sherburne, Kentucky. His wife, Mary Chrisman, was the daughter of John Chrisman and his wife, Jane Sommerville. She was born near Sherburne, Fleming County, Kentucky, in 1812, and married William Henry Harrison Moss in 1833. They resided in Fleming County until 1851, when the family with the family of John Chrisman, moved to Illinois.

Mary Chrisman Moss, the grandmother of the writer, has told many interesting stories of how they lived during her girlhood days. Their farm was on Licking River and they would go to the river to do the family washings. One cobbler made the shoes for the community so they were cared for, being worn only on Sunday or some particular occasion. Even when she was grown to womanhood, she and her sister would carry their shoes until near the school house, where the church services were held, then put them on. Logs were there for seats to accommodate all who came that way. One Sunday, William Henry Harrison Moss walked home with her from church; being a very modest girl she did not stop to take off her shoes. When she arrived home she was given a severe scolding for her extravagance. After her marriage to William Henry Harrison Moss, they resided on his farm, as he was a man of wealth for those days, until 1851, when the farm was sold to Nathaniel Peck. In 1850, William H. H. Moss made a trip to Illinois with John Sommerville, uncle of Mary Chrisman Moss. Being well pleased with the country he purchased a farm of Seth Austin and moved to Illinois in 1851. This farm was near the town of Baldwinsville, in Hunter Township, and consisted of 480 acres. It was well improved, a large house, containing ten rooms; also a good barn.

The trip was made from Kentucky to Illinois in covered wagons and they brought their stock with them, including some fine saddle horses. Eliza and Margaret rode a portion of the way on these horses, as they were the older children. The family dog, Lion, came as far as the Ohio river. There he turned back and a few weeks later arrived at the Kentucky home, where he spent the remaining days of his life. The family at this time consisted of the following children: Eliza, Margaret, William Henry, John Chrisman, Mathias, Henry Clay, Isabelle and Harrison. William Henry Harrison Moss was six feet tall, black hair and with brown eyes.

In 1852 he returned to Kentucky to receive the last payment on the Kentucky farm and the money from his sale of personal property.

Once each week a mail carrier brought mail to Baldwinsville

from Clinton, Indiana, on horse back, a distance of fifteen miles. If the roads or trails were in a bad condition, the mail arrived once in two weeks. Baldwinsville at this time was a thriving little town, having two stores, school house and blacksmith shop.

In a few weeks after William H. H. Moss left for Kentucky, the mail carrier came to the home bringing letters telling of his serious illness with typhoid fever at the home of his sister, Margaret Rice, in Sherburne, Kentucky. Mary Chrisman Moss immediately prepared for the journey, accompanied by her brother, Mathias Chrisman.

In those days it was slow traveling. They went from Terre Haute to Cincinnati by stage, then by boat up the Ohio river to Maysville, Kentucky. Then from Maysville to Sherburne by stage. William H. H. Moss was a Thirty-Second Degree Mason. Going on the stage to Sherburne, Mathias Chrisman heard some men talking about a large funeral at Sherburne the day before of a Thirty-Second Degree Mason, and of the great number of Masons present; he asked of whose funeral they were speaking and was told the funeral of William H. H. Moss. Grandmother, a brave woman, went on to Sherburne, heard of his sickness and death, then returned to Illinois to rear her family.

The writer remembers hearing her father, John Chrisman Moss, tell of the first purchase of cattle he and his brother William made; as a portion of the farm was woodland, it was necessary to feed some cattle. Mr. Swan was making a sale and some two-year-old cattle were to sell. William H. Moss purchased the cattle and when there was only these two young boys to sign the note, the clerk of the sale said they could not take them. Mr. Swan said to the clerk: "I know these boys and I will take them on the note."

Grandmother was a Presbyterian and often the minister came to the home for the night or to spend a few days, as services were held in the school house at Baldwinsville a portion of the year, but during the summer, services were held in the groves. Sometimes she would be very much vexed when she would come from church accompanied by the minister and find all the neighbor boys there and a big game of town ball in progress. Other times they would have all the horses out running races. She was a business woman before women had entered the business world. She was kind and patient and gave splendid advice to her boys. Each child received more than a common school education, most of them attending Edgar Academy in Paris. Hon. William Bines has told of his visits to the Moss home, often spending the week-end when attending Edgar Academy, and what a splendid rider Isabelle was, for in those days boys and girls took pride in being able to handle a horse. Grandmother increased her holdings and as the children grew to manhood and womanhood she gave to each a farm.

Eliza married Marcellus Keys, Margaret married Judge

Blackman and after his death she married Philip Troutman. William Henry married Priscilla Calvin. John Chrisman married Nancy Susan Sousley of Elizaville, Kentucky. Mathias was killed by a team of horses running away and is buried in the Conkey graveyard. Henry Clay married Isabelle Sheets, Isabelle married Dr. Gray and Harrison married Ella Keys.

William H. and John C. purchased the home farm and some years later grandmother purchased a home in Chrisman on the present site of the home of the Hartley sisters. Here she lived and made a home for her granddaughter, Emma Blackman, later wife of Richard Swank; also her grandson, Harry Troutman, and a niece, Florence Chrisman who married George Henry. Later she lived with her daughters, Mrs. Isabelle Gray and Mrs. Eliza Keys; she died at the home of the latter in December, 1893. A pioneer woman of Edgar County, who left a rich heritage to each of her grandchildren.

It has been the privilege of the writer to visit the grave of Grandfather Moss in the graveyard at Sherburne. The monument is the shape of a box, set over the grave. On the stone slab is this inscription: In memory of William Henry Harrison Moss. Born 1814. Died 1852.



MARY CHRISMAN MOSS

1812-1893

Wife of William Henry Harrison Moss



JOHN ADAMS
 1735-1803
 President of the United States

CHRISMAN LINE

Mary Chrisman, wife of William Henry Harrison Moss, was the daughter of John Chrisman; born 1790; died September 16, 1870; his wife, Jane Sommerville, was born 1781; and died September 16, 1866. Buried in Conkey Graveyard, in Edgar County, Ill. He owned 1,900 acres; the city of Chrisman is on one of these farms.

John Chrisman; born 1768; died 1834; married Martha Gross, born 1778 and died 1826. Married in Pennsylvania and moved to Kentucky. Married in 1789. Were the parents of seven children. Martha Gross was the daughter of Paul Gross and Maria Catherine Guth Gross.

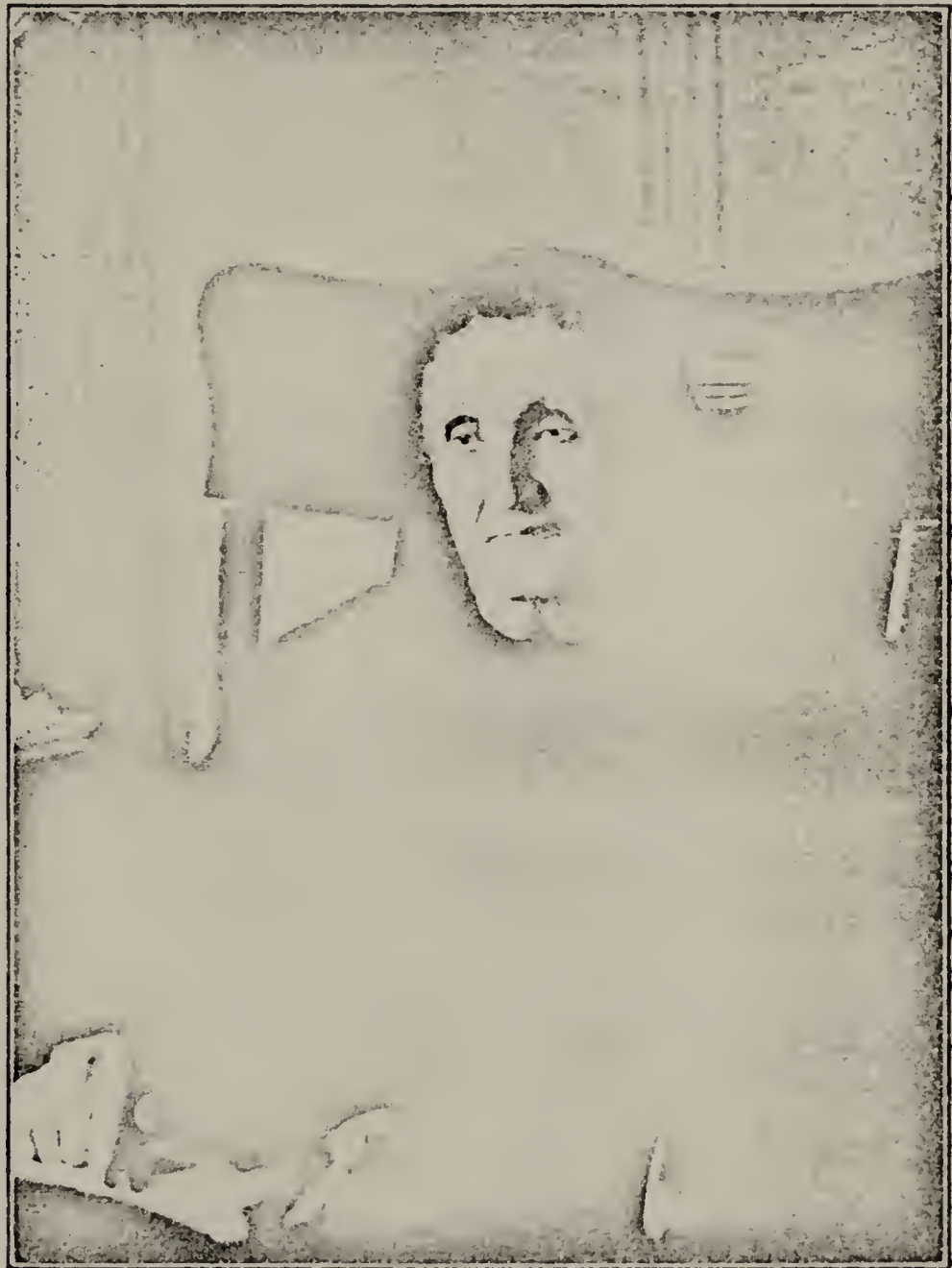
Henry Chrisman, father of John Chrisman; born 1744; died 1823; married Susan Keely, born February 25, 1750, died September 19, 1823. Lived in Chester County, Pa. Were the parents of ten children.

Henry Chrisman was the son of Daniel Chrisman, who landed September 5, 1730, from Germany in the ship "Alexander and Ann," William Clymer, master from Rotterdam. His wife's name was Martha. He settled near Philadelphia, had four sons, all in the Revolution.

Daniel Chrisman, who landed September 5, 1730, is buried at Leedys burying ground, in Fredrick Township, Montgomery County, Pa. Henry, his son, who married Susan Keely, had the following children: Jacob and John.

In the autumn of 1777, after the battle of Brandywine and the massacre at Paoli, while the Colonial troops were retreating over Warwick hills, Susan Keely Chrisman on this occasion used her oven all day baking bread for the hungry soldiers. Her children became impatient, but had to wait until the patriots were served. This is also given on Page 290, Biographical Cyclopedia of Chester County, Pa. By Winfield Scott Garner.

Henry Chrisman purchased "Callowhill Manor" of one thousand acres on a branch of French Creek and conveyed by the Proprietary under Pennsylvania, April 16, 1686. Henry Chrisman purchased this at Sheriff's sale in 1819. He was a Lutheran and a Democrat. The Chrismans that moved into Chester County, Pa., were the first to drop the T in the name.



ELIZA MOSS KEYS

1834-

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Eliza, daughter of William Henry Harrison and Mary Moss, was born near Sherburne, Kentucky, June 20, 1834. Came to Illinois in September, 1851, settling on a farm with her parents one mile northwest of Baldwinville, Ill. September 2, 1852, she was united in marriage to Marcellus Keys.

Marcellus Keys was born in Vigo County, Indiana, Nov. 22, 1828. His father was Isaac Keys, who had come with his newly married wife to western Indiana during the period of its earliest settlement, from his native state of Virginia. His wife was Inga-bore B. Spangler. Isaac Keys had been a Recruiting Officer in the Black Hawk War and served from the beginning to the end of the struggle. He died when Marcellus Keys was an infant, leaving him but little chance of attending school, but through his own efforts he became a fair scholar. In 1843 he engaged as a clerk with Col. Baldwin at a salary of sixty dollars per year, but at the close of the year such had been his faithfulness and efficiency that Col. Baldwin gave him one hundred dollars. The next year he was to receive one hundred and twenty-five dollars, but was paid one hundred and seventy-five dollars. This circumstance is an illustration of his traits of character and he continued clerking for Col. Baldwin for thirteen years. After leaving Col. Baldwin, Keys and John McColough opened a general store in partnership, but in six months the store burned, Marcellus Keys losing all his earthly possessions. In 1855 he purchased 240 acres of land and began improving it. In later years he purchased 200 acres, also a farm of 110 acres, making him 650 acres at the time of his death. He served the people in the capacity of School Director, Trustee and Road Commissioner. He was known as one of the reliable men of Hunter Township. He very successfully conducted a tile mill on his farm for six years. To this estimable couple was born six children: Henry Alexander, Erasmus S., Abraham Lincoln, Lucy Florence, Thomas J. and Mary Ellen.

Marcellus Keys' death occurred December 24, 1897. His widow, Eliza Moss Keys, moved to Paris in October, 1899, living in her own home until December 1, 1917, when she came to live with her daughter, Mary E. Keys Hodge, where she still resides at the age of 92 years. She has assisted greatly through records preserved in preparing this history.

Henry Alexander, born November 26, 1854, son of Marcellus and Eliza Keys, married Olive David, near Clay's Prairie. To this union was born the following children: Lena, Russell, Marcellus and Harry.

Lena Keys married Edd Pratt, a farmer of Lockney, Texas, and to this union was born one daughter, Gladys, Russell Keys married Ruth Simpson of Lockney, and has three children. Imogene, Olive and June. They now reside in Slaton, Texas, where Russell is high tension wire man for the railroad. Marcellus Keys, of St. Louis, married Harriet Fisher of Paris, Ill. To this union was born one daughter, Olive Katherine.

Harry Keys, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, married Louanne Cooper, of Lockney and has two children: Lucelle and William. He is employed at the railroad.

Erasmus, born October 30, 1856, son of Marcellus and Eliza Keys, married Ada Taylor, near Paris, Illinois, and is a florist at Plainview, Texas. To this union was born four children: Archie, Florence, George and Virginia. Archie married Mollie Floyd, of Lockney, Texas, and to this union was born one son, Archie Floyd. He is a grain dealer in Lockney. Florence Keys lives in Amarillo, Texas, and is employed in an art shop.

George Keys, of the Amarillo Florist Company, married a Miss Lindsey.

Virginia Keys is at home at Plainview, Texas.

Abraham L., son of Marcellus and Eliza Keys of Los Angeles, California, is an employee of the Gas and Electric Company. Married Rachel Hoult, of Chrisman. She lived just a few months after their marriage; three years later he married Mary Wilkin, of Logan, Ill. To this union was born one daughter, Augusta; died in infancy.

Lucy Florence, born January 6, 1862, daughter of Marcellus and Eliza Keys, married John Arthur, of near Paris, Illinois. They were parents of three children: Lloyd T., Jean E. and Faith M.; J. D. Arthur departed from this life April 25, 1919.

Lloyd married Margaret Hodge of Paris, Ill., and holds the office of road commissioner.

Jean, a farmer, lives with his mother on the farm. Faith M. married Samuel C. Stout, of Chicago, an employee of the Tuscon Steel Co. To this union was born one child, John Arthur Stout.

Thomas, born September 27, 1864, son of Marcellus and Eliza Keys, lives in Macon, Mississippi; married Callie Redmon, of

near Paris, Ill.; the children are; Jesse, Chester, William, Joseph R., Hazel J., Charles and Elizabeth.

Jesse married J. Fay Cusick, now a lawyer in Chicago. They have eight children: John E., Lois Elaine, Norma, Joseph, Jean Virginia, Caral, Edgar Allen and Nina Jesse, all at home.

Chester Keys married Jean Taflinger and they were the parents of five children: John Allen and Joan of Decatur, Ill., Mary and Jean E. of Paris, Ill., and Helen of Macon, Mississippi.

William Keys, an employee of the Paris P. O., married Mable Chittick of Paris, and to this union was born two daughters: Jane and Nanette Keys, at home.

Joseph R. Keys married Esther Hamm of Paris, and has five children: Eugene, Julia Fern, Burl, Dilver Wayne and Donald Keys.

Hazel, married Forest O'Hair of Paris, Illinois.

Charles and Elizabeth Keys are at home, Macon, Mississippi.

Mary E., born September 29, 1866, daughter of Marcellus and Eliza Keys, married John G. Hodge, a hardware merchant of Paris, Ill. He departed this life May 16, 1924.



MARGARET MOSS BLACKMAN
1835-1868

MARGARET MOSS BLACKMAN

Margaret Moss, daughter of William Henry Harrison and Mary Chrisman Moss, was born December 9, 1835, and died October 31, 1868. She was born in Fleming County, Kentucky, and died in Edgar County, Illinois. She was united in marriage to Marshall N. Blackman on January 25, 1855.

Marshall N. Blackman was instantly killed by a tree falling, during a severe storm, as he with two other men were driving along the road. To this union was born one daughter, Emma, October 9, 1855.

She contracted a second marriage with Philip Troutman and to this union were born two children, Harry and Anna.

She married the third time Truman Blackman and to this union one daughter was born, Callie, who died when about fourteen years of age. After the death of Margaret Moss Blackman, Emma and Harry lived with their grandmother, Mary Chrisman Moss. Anna lived with her aunt, Rose Sommerville. Married Bruce Stephenson; to this union two children were born, Lelia and Bruce. After the death of Bruce Stephenson she married Amos Calvin and moved to Montana. One daughter was born to this union, named May.

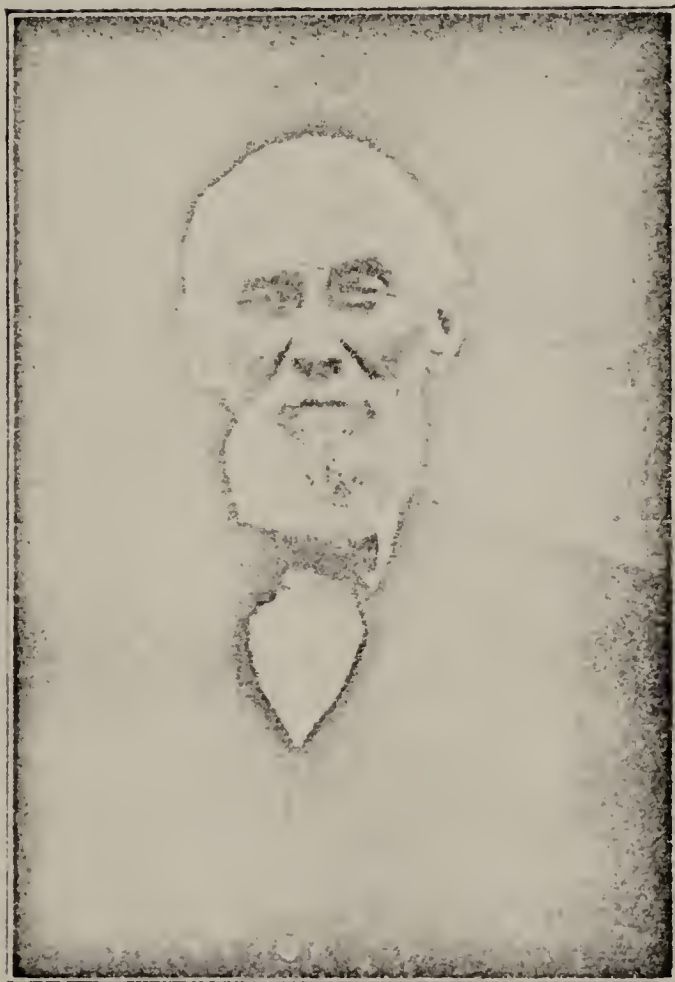
Harry Troutman married Anna Newcomb of Vermilion, Illinois, and they were the parents of three children, Ernest, Valeria and Forest.

On December 14th, 1875, Emma Blackman was united in marriage to Richard Wilson Swank at the home of her uncle, John Moss. To this union five children were born: Harry Claude, born September 3, 1876, is a resident of Oklahoma. Florence Anna, born March 9, 1879, married Cordie Robison and has four children: Hermine Robison Wyatt, born March 9, 1898; married Fred Wyatt and has one son, Robert. Margaret Robinson Dalrymple, born December 1, 1900, married Chester Dalrymple and has one son, Charles James. Emma Lou Robison, born March 29, 1906, and Sarah Lucile Robison, born October 26, 1907, are at home. Hermine and Emma are graduates of the Chrisman High School.

Walter Booth, son of R. W. and Emma Swank, was born February 1, 1881. He attended college at Danville, Indiana, and married Hazel Smith, January 1, 1916. To this union was born three children: William Richard, born March 9, 1917; Emma Lou, October 24, 1918, and died in infancy; Martha Swank, born September 28, 1925.

Judge Robert, son of R. W. and Emma Swank, was born June 16, 1883; he graduated at Rush Medical College, Chicago, Ill., and is established in Enid, Oklahoma. He married Cecil Canady, of Chrisman, Ill. Dr. Judge Robert Swank was in the World War.

Olive Belle, daughter of R. W. and Emma Swank, born November 16, 1889. She attended the University of Illinois and married Chester Boland, of Paris, Ill. They have two sons: John Swank Boland, born January 19, 1915, and Chester Howard Boland, born November 19, 1919.



WILLIAM HENRY MOSS
1837-1912

WILLIAM HENRY MOSS.

William Henry Moss, son of William Henry Harrison and wife, Mary Chrisman Moss, was born September 21, 1837, in Fleming County, Kentucky, and died in January of 1912, in Paris, Illinois. He was the oldest boy in a family of eight children when his father died in 1852. He attended the rural school and one year at the Academy at Paris, Ill. He married Priscilla, daughter of David and Jane Calvin. From the age of twelve years, William Moss lived in Edgar County. He was a member of the Baptist Church and Superintendent of the Sabbath Schools of Edgar Township for many years. In politics a Democrat, and served as Supervisor of Edgar Township for several terms. Was Chairman of the board when the Supervisors received the Paris and Danville railroad for Edgar County, now known as the Cairo Division of the Big Four, as Edgar County had voted bonds to build the railroad. About 1868 he traded one hundred head of mules for two hundred acres of land, known as Wolf Mound, in the center of Edgar County, being the present site of the William Moss, Senior, homestead. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the First National Bank of Paris for thirty-two years and his son, Frank, has been a member of the Board of Directors since his father's death. William H. Moss was President of the Edgar County Fair Association for eight years. At the time of his death he owned 1,080 acres of land, living in Paris a few years prior to his death.

To this union was born four children: Frank L., born in November, 1871; married Sarah Curtis, daughter of Isaac H. and Rachel Lawrence Curtis, on October 5, 1899. They are the parents of two children: Mary Louise, born August 20, 1900. She is a graduate of Western College at Oxford, Ohio; married Walter Powell Shoaff, son of J. D. and Virginia Shoaff, September, 1922. They have one son, Frank William Shoaff, born November 18, 1923.

Clarence Calvin Moss is a graduate of the Paris High School and is attending the University of Illinois.

William Moss, Jr., second son of Wm. H. and Priscilla Moss, was born in October, 1873, and died in January, 1913. Married March 1, 1898, at Terre Haute, Indiana, to Cora McLaughlin. To this union was born one child, Adda Willella, born December 9, 1898.

William Moss, Jr., married for second wife Olive Wallace at Charleston in 1911. To this union was born one daughter, Hila, July, 1912.

Willella, daughter of William H. and Priscilla Moss, was born October 1, 1873, and married Courtly Harris, February 1904, after attending a Woman's College in Tennessee.

Jennie, daughter of William H. and Priscilla Moss, born 1882, died in infancy.



JOHN CHRISMAN MOSS
1840-1915

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John Chrisman Moss, born September 7, 1840, son of William Henry Harrison Moss and his wife, Mary Chrisman Moss. He came with the family from Kentucky in 1851 and lived on a farm near Baldwinville, Ill., attending school in that locality; later he attended Black's Law School in Chicago.

He married January 8, 1867, Nancy Susan Sousley, daughter of William Harrison and his wife, Mary Cochran Sousley. She was born February 16, 1846, and was a graduate of the Mary Perkins Seminary, near Flemingsburg, Ky.

Her father was one of the prominent men of Fleming County. Following the marriage they came to Illinois. The journey was by stage to Maysville, Ky., a distance of more than twenty miles; the stage being crowded, the bride rode in the stage and the groom on the top with the baggage and driver. John C. Moss was elected Treasurer of Edgar County in November of 1869; this was the first Democratic ticket elected after the Civil War; he lived in Paris during his term of office. He had purchased the home farm, consisting of 480 acres, and later traded it to his uncle, Mathias Chrisman, for land joining the new town of Chrisman. The first addition was a portion of this land, and is called Moss Town. In 1892 he purchased the beautiful suburban home of Mathias Chrisman and resided there until 1899, when he sold his holdings in Illinois and moved to Brookfield, Mo., purchasing 640 acres of land in Missouri and larger amounts in Kansas and Oklahoma. He was an Elder in the Presbyterian Church in Chrisman for many years and was elected to many offices while a resident of Chrisman, was public spirited and generous to those needing assistance and was elected Judge after moving to Missouri. He died Dec. 23, 1915, and his wife followed Oct. 3, 1916. They are buried in Woodland Cemetery at Chrisman, Ill.

The family consisted of seven children; three died in infancy. The four living are Grace, Rose, Will Ed and Mary.

Grace, born December 25, 1867, is a graduate of the Chrisman High School and was Valedictorian of the class. Later she attended Jacksonville Female Academy, at Jacksonville, Ill. She married William Francis Hoult, of Chrisman, July 7, 1887. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church of Chrisman, and Madam Rachel Edgar Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution at Paris, Ill., and Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims.

Their family consists of four children:

Geneva, born February 5, 1889, is a graduate of Chrisman High School and Northwestern University at Evanston, Ill.

Bessie Busey, born November 4, 1890, graduated at Chrisman High School and University of Illinois. Married Lieutenant C. J. Pankow, October 8, 1917, in Detroit, Michigan. They have

three children: Mary Elizabeth, John Charles and James Henry.

Rebecca, born January 4, 1893, is a graduate of Chrisman High School and Lindenwood College, St. Charles, Mo. Married J. C. Dawson, of Newman, August 1, 1913, and has three children: Mary Helen, William Francis and Annette.

Naomi, born June 4, 1894, graduated at Hillsdale, Michigan, after completing the course at Chrisman.

Rose, born December 13, 1869, daughter of John Chrisman and wife, Nancy Susan Moss. Graduated from the Chrisman High School, later took a course in Art, also a Chautauqua course, and recently completed the Delphian course of six years. Married William Thomas Scott, son of James T. Scott, one of the pioneer men of Ross Township. William T. Scott was born December 20, 1866, and at present is Manager of the Epps Farms, 18 in number.

They are the parents of one son: John Robert, born January 26, 1896. He is a graduate of the Township High School and later attended DePauw University until the World War. Was over seas nine months and has bars from the Government for the battle of the Marne and Defensive Sector. Disabled while in France, was transferred from Fourth Division, 59th Infantry, to Mobile Hospital Corps 39, for duty. He returned with them January 22, 1919. Discharged at Camp Grant, February 5, 1919. John Robert is a Thirty-Second Degree Mason and member of Ansar Temple of Springfield, Ill.

Rose Moss Scott was Chairman of the "Council of Defense" during the World War, is First Vice Regent of Illinois in "Daughters of the American Colonists," Governor of Illinois' "Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims," Fourth Vice-President in U. S. Daughters of 1812 in Illinois and is State Chairman of National Old Trails Road, in Daughters of the American Revolution; also State Chairman of "Real Daughters" in 1812 and Vice Chairman of National Committee of "National Old Trails Road."

Will Ed, son of John Chrisman and Nancy Susan Sousley Moss, born October 25, 1874, at Chrisman, Illinois. He attended school at Chrisman and later the Commercial College at Terre Haute, Indiana. Married Allie Redmon, May 5, 1897. She was born August 31, 1874; was the daughter of Joseph Redmon, one of the prominent pioneer men of this county. At the age of 21 he entered 400 acres of land from the Government. During these early days Joseph Redmon made several trips to Chicago, taking apples to exchange for salt and other necessities; on one occasion he drove oxen when only eighteen years of age, and several times assisted men driving horses to pull their loads through swampy places, as the oxen could pull more than horses. The road at that time was only a trail, leading north to Chicago. In 1867 he purchased the Elliott and Neff farms, consisting of two thousand acres. At that time the Elliott farm, north of Paris, was the best improved farm in the county.

The children of Will Ed and Alice Moss are as follows:

John Redmon, born February 29, 1898, at Chrisman Ill.

After graduating from the Paris High School he entered the University of Illinois and graduated from the University in 1921.

Married Hannah Elizabeth Ferguson, July 18, 1923. At this time he is Superintendent of the Paris City Schools.

Frank, born June 27, 1900, at Brookfield, Missouri, graduated from Paris High School and attended the University of Illinois until opening of World War. Enlisted in the U. S. Army and served until discharged Dec. 22, 1918. Returned to University of Illinois. Was killed in automobile accident two miles north of Paris on the Chicago Road on the night of June 12, 1919. Frank was a promising young man and his untimely death brought sorrow to a large circle of friends.

Florence, born September 30, 1903, near Paris, Ill, graduated from Paris High School, then taught in the Public Schools of Edgar County, and in the City Schools of Paris for five years. At present is a student in the University of Illinois.

Arnold, born January 3, 1906, near Paris, Ill., graduated from Paris High School and is a Junior in the University of Illinois.

Kenneth, born May 13, 1908, near Paris, graduated from Paris High School in June, 1926.

Ralph, born May 19, 1911, near Paris, is a student in third year of Paris High School.

Mary Moss McClelland, daughter of John Chrisman and Nancy Sousley Moss, was born April 6, 1882, in Chrisman, Ill. She went with her parents to Brookfield, Missouri, in 1899, to make their home. She attended Hardin College at Mexico, Missouri. Married R. B. McClelland, of Brookfield, Missouri, December 16, 1902, at Paris, Illinois. Robert Bluford McClelland was born at Abingdon, Virginia, June 6, 1876, and graduated from Emery Henry College. At this time he is a Conductor on the Burlington Route. Mary McClelland is a member of the Presbyterian Church; at this time she is president of the Missionary Society, serving her seventh year. Also a member of Hannah Hull Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution of Brookfield, Missouri.

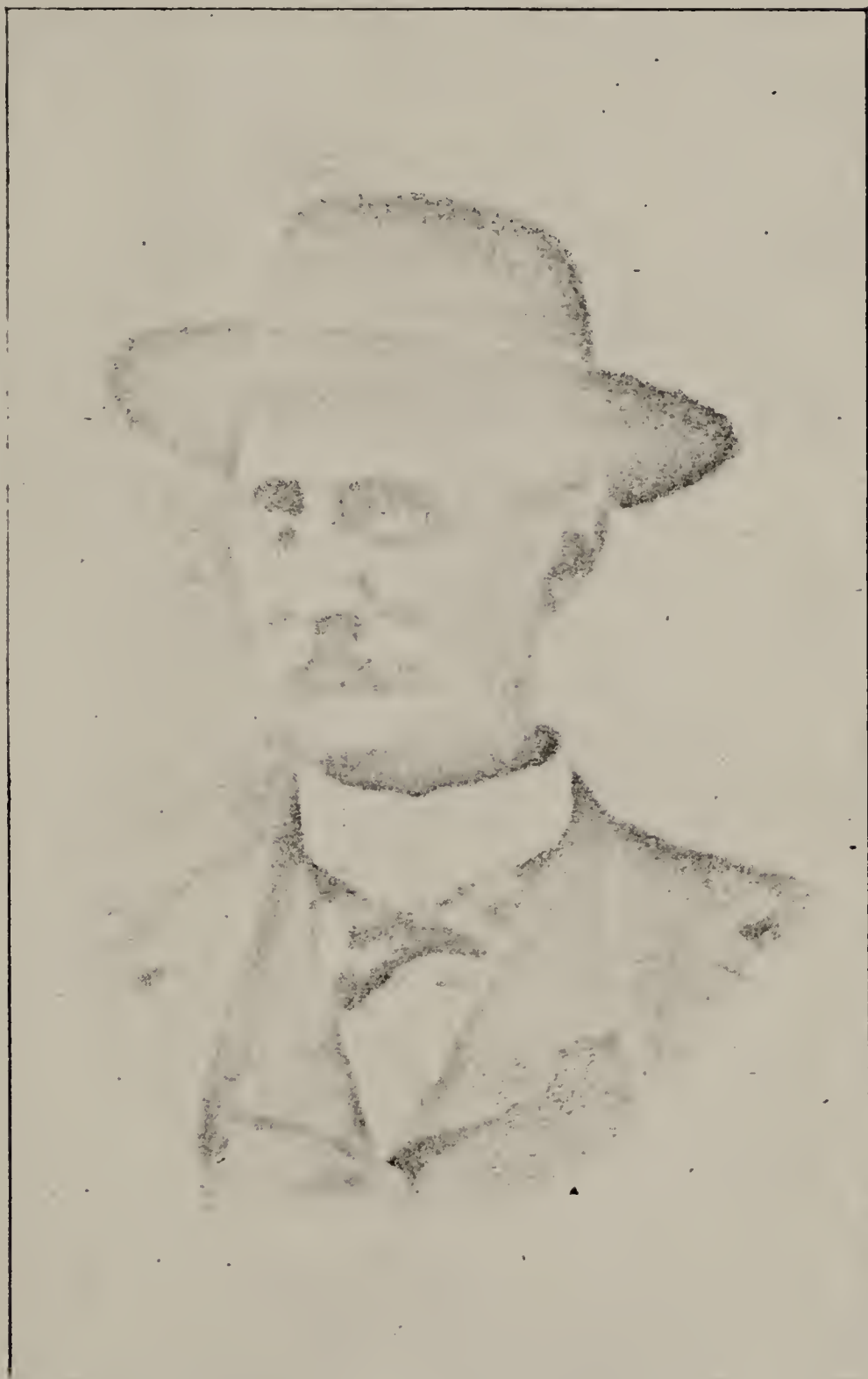
They are the parents of four children:

Rose Moss, born September 16, 1903; after graduating at the Brookfield High School attended Lindenwood College at St. Charles, Missouri, where she graduated in June, 1924.

Ruth Nanette, born September 10, 1910, is a Junior in Brookfield High School.

James Bluford born May 28, 1918.

Virginia Mae, born November 3, 1920.



HENRY CLAY MOSS
1844-1916

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Henry Clay, son of William H. H. Moss and his wife, Mary Chrisman Moss, was born in Fleming County, Kentucky, March 29th, 1844, and died September 19th, 1916, aged 72 years.

When a small boy he moved with his parents to Edgar County, Illinois. He was married to Sarah Isabelle Sheets, near Baldwinville, 1864. After residing in the country for a few months, they moved to Paris, where Henry Clay engaged in the livery business for a number of years. To this union were born six children: Charles, Alberta, Leander, Hill, Harry and Lida. The family moved to Chrisman in 1881. Henry Clay held various offices and during his younger days was a great politician. The town of Chrisman was changed from a village to a city in 1900, during the time Henry Clay was serving as Mayor.

The children married in or near Chrisman and established homes of their own. Charles, the oldest son, was born August 6, 1867, in Paris, Ill, and was married to Rose Sublett, January 17, 1889. Six children were born to this union: Jessie, Bessie, Harry, Albert, and two dying in infancy. The daughter, Jessie, who married Clifford Ogle, died, leaving two sons, Charles Henry and James.

Alberta, a daughter, was born January 28, 1871; graduated from the Chrisman High School in 1889. Attended summer Normal School at Paris, and taught at Vermilion, Metcalf and Chrisman Grade School. She was married to J. Frank Newlin, May 7, 1894. Two sons were born to this union, Glen Raymond and Max Willard. Glen Raymond was born April 16th, 1896, graduated from the Chrisman High School in 1914, then taking a position in the Chrisman State Bank, where he has been employed and is now Assistant Cashier.

Max Willard was born in Chrisman March 3rd, 1898. He attended school in Chrisman and while in second year of high school enlisted June 21, 1916, at Paris, Ill., during U. S. trouble with Mexico, serving two years. He was called with the rest of his company into the World War. He served with Company D, 130th Infantry, 33rd Division, and spent a year in France. His engagements and battles were the Somme, July 20 and August 6, 1918; Meuse Argonne, September 26-November 11, 1918. He was

also in the army of "Occupation," December 12, 1918, to April 12, 1919,

Aiberta Moss Newlin is a member of the Methodist Church of Chrisman and a member of Madam Rachel Edgar Chapter, Daughters of the America Revolution of Paris, Ill.

Leander, son of Henry Clay and Isabelle Moss, was born in Paris January 2nd, 1874, and died January 11, 1920. He was married to Arminta Lowther, January 2, 1902. He was in the grocery business in Chrisman for a number of years and served as Tax Collector of Ross Township for two terms.

Hill, son of Henry Clay and Isabelle Moss, was born April 9th, 1876, in Paris, Ill. He belonged to the States Militia and during the Spanish-American War was ordered to Cuba after a few weeks' of training in Springfield. He returned broken in health, having passed through a scourge of the scurvy; lost all his teeth.

He was married to Gertrude Jarvis, October 25th, 1905. One child was born to this union and died in infancy. The mother, Gertrude, passed away at the same time, January 11, 1907. Hill was again united in marriage with Leota Manning, April 1, 1910. One daughter, Kathryn, was born to this union.

Harry, son of Henry Clay and Isabelle Moss, was born in Paris, April 24, 1878. He was a member of the State Militia; was ordered to Cuba during the Spanish-American War. He was seized with typhoid fever while passing through Florida, was given an honorable discharge and sent home. He served one term as County Clerk of Edgar County, Ill. He was also State Deputy Fire Marshall and lived in Springfield for a few years. He was married to Anna York of Ridgefarm, January 7, 1904. One son, Arthur, was born to this union.

Lida, daughter of Henry Clay and Isabelle Moss, was born in Chrisman, September 3rd, 1885. She graduated from the Chrisman High School, attended Charleston State Normal, became a teacher in the Chrisman Public School, where she taught until her marriage to J. Fred McKee, January 1st, 1906. Five children were born to this union: Paul Osborne, Karl Moss, Mildred Isabelle, John Harry and Everett Eugene.

Isabelle, wife of Henry Clay Moss, died April 4th, 1903, aged 56 years.

ISABELLE MOSS GRAY

Isabelle Moss, daughter of William Henry Harrison Moss and Mary Chrisman Moss, was born near Flemingsburg, Kentucky, February 15, 1847. When she was five years old she came with her parents to Illinois, locating near Baldwinville. She attended the public school and later Edgar Academy, in Paris, Ill. She was married to Dr. S. R. Gray, December 13th, 1866. She died January 20th, 1923. Dr. Gray was born September 5th, 1838, in Washington County, Pennsylvania. When seven years old his parents, Alexander and Mary Gray, moved to Greencastle, Ind., where he engaged in farming and attended school. In 1860 he attended the State University at Bloomington, Ind., and later was graduated from Linn Medical College of Chicago, now Medical College of Chicago. He came to Edgar County, Ill., April 20, 1865, locating at Baldwinville. He practiced medicine there until March 4th, 1873, when he came to Chrisman, where he devoted the remainder of his life to his profession, being the first physician in town. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge.

They were the parents of the following children: Minnie, born September 21, 1867. After graduating from the Chrisman school she attended the Woman's College at Jacksonville, Ill.; she is the wife of William M. Smith and they have the following children: Hazel, born July 8th, 1891, after graduating from the Chrisman School attended Jacksonville Woman's College, later Goucher Woman's College at Baltimore. She was married to W. B. Swank, January 1, 1916, and to this union was born three children: William Richard, born March 9, 1917; Emma Lou, dying in infancy, and Martha, born September 28, 1925.

Roscoe, son of William M. and Minnie Smith, was born July 6, 1895. He attended the Chrisman School, and July 4th, 1915, was married to Jessie Brown, daughter of John Brown, of Ridgefarm, Ill. They have one daughter, Joan, born February 25, 1923.

Hallie, daughter of William M. Smith and wife, Minnie Gray Smith, was born March 27, 1900. After graduating from the Chrisman High School, she married Dane Jennings. They are the parents of two children, Mary Louise, born March 7, 1921, and Barbara Kathryn, born July 24, 1922.

Charles Walter, son of Dr. S. P. and Isabelle Gray, was born



ISABELLE MOSS GRAY
1847-1923

in June, 1880. After completing the course in the public school he attended college at Bloomington, Illinois, and later attended John Hopkins University, where he graduated, receiving the degree of Ph. D. He married Vera Mammon of Bloomington, and to this union was born five children: Earnest Walter, Isabell, Friederika, Sarah and Roswell.

Some time after the death of his first wife, Charles Walter contracted a second marriage, the second wife being Ella Wood, and to this union was born two children, Eleanor and Frederick Gray.

Margaret, daughter of Dr. S. R. and wife, Isabelle Gray, was born January 7, 1872. After graduating from Chrisman High School, she attended College in Bloomington, Illinois, where she majored in music. She was married to C. M. Buck, of Bloomington, January 1, 1901. To this union was born five children: Margaret and Isabell, December 27, 1907; Mary, March 12, 1910, and George and Samuel, September 12, 1913. Margaret and Isabell twins. George and Samuel twins.

OUT HERE IN ILLINOIS.

Those men who came in early days,
To sow that we might reap,
We owe a debt of gratitude
For the way was long and steep.
Out here in Illinois.

So may we live as we should live
Take up their load and carry on;
For with the finish at the top
The heart is filled with song.
Out here in Illinois.

To each is given a heritage
For lives well spent and struggles won;
Premature old age was their reward,
To us, is life and wealth and work well done.
Out here in Illinois.

ROSE M. SCOTT (Mrs. W. T.)



HARRISON MOSS
1848-1883

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Harrison Moss, born in Sherburne, Ky., in 1848, was the youngest son of William Henry Harrison and wife, Mary Chrisman Moss. Came to Illinois with the family in 1851 and lived on the farm near Baldwinville, Ill., until December 21, 1871, when he married Ella Keys and they resided on their farm near the old homestead for four years, when they moved to Paris and he entered into partnership with his brother, Henry Clay, in the livery business. Later moved to Chrisman, where the family resided for a few years; then returned to the country, residing on a farm near Horace, Ill., where he died March 31, 1883, and is buried in the Conkey Cemetery, near the old home. He was kind and thoughtful of others and his friends could be counted by the score. He was called in the prime of life.

They were the parents of five children; three died in infancy.

Ella Moss moved to Terre Haute after the death of her husband and educated her daughters, Flora and Clara.

Flora graduated from Terre Haute State Normal, while Clara completed a business course. Clara died April 16, 1922, at the home, 2235 Garfield Avenue, Terre Haute, Ind.

Ella Moss died February 12, 1926, and is buried in Highland Lawn Cemetery, Terre Haute, Ind., aged 75 years. She is survived by one daughter, Flora Moss.

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VIRGINIA

The isolated rock, the mountain peak,
The river rolling to its ocean home,
Gave the only greeting the travelers received,
Who came to linger and no longer roam.
To man was given the unconquerable spirit,
Before him a desolate solitude;
While freedom comes to those who dare to do,
The very stars with sympathies were endued.

ROSE M. SCOTT.

OUR ANCESTORS

They have entered into eternal rest,
Their home is now among the blest;
Those loved ones who have gone before,
That were so dear in days of yore.

These links of gold bring heaven near,
And makes that home both fair and dear;
It does not seem so very far
Where they are now from where we are.

That place to us will dearer grow,
As years go swiftly by we know;
That heavenly home so bright, and fair,
Is brighter still since they are there.

Some time we too shall sail away,
When the night comes down to embrace the day;
And greet the loved ones who have sailed before,
From the earthly realm to the unknown shore.

—ROSE MOSS SCOTT.

